



City of Santa Barbara, Public Works Department

COMMUNITY INPUT REQUESTED

***Please join us to talk about Pedestrian
Safety Enhancements On Milpas Street***

MEET ONLINE:

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This session will be held online using the **ZOOM** platform. Participants will be able to watch the presentation and submit questions and comments. No webcams or microphones necessary. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

Register at: https://santabarbaraca.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5BGxLsk6RZuWK9kRel8cmQ

MEET IN PERSON:

Saturday, February 19, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Franklin Community Center, 1136 E. Montecito Street. This meeting will be held outside at the patio in front of the Franklin Community Center and will be an open house format with no formal presentation. Please come by to learn about the planning process, view the conceptual plan, and provide your feedback. Spanish interpretation will be provided.

WHY THESE IMPROVEMENTS:

In 2019 the City began a planning effort to evaluate the Milpas Corridor to determine if additional enhancements could be implemented along with the planned major pavement maintenance project for Milpas Street in 2024. Through the community engagement process and Vision Zero Safety Analysis, it was determined that the Milpas Corridor needs safer crossings, enhanced street lighting at intersections and tree management/sidewalk widening. In April 2020, Council adopted a resolution of support for these enhancements and directed City staff to apply for an Active Transportation Program grant in June 2020. The grant application was not successful and we are returning back to the community to discuss how we can make the grant application more competitive.

WHY NOW?

California will be asking for grant submittals for the Active Transportation Grant Program and Highway Safety Improvement Program in spring 2022. The online and in person meetings will cover the scope of work for the proposed safety and corridor enhancements. Continued community participation is highly encouraged as strong community support is a requirement for a successful grant application and project.

WHAT'S NEXT?

With the support of the community, City Staff will continue working on the grant application. In early spring, City Council will consider increasing City grant matching contributions that may increase the chances for these enhancements to be grant funded by the State.

CONTACT:

To learn more or ask questions about the project, please contact Jessica Grant at **JGrant@SantaBarbaraCA.gov** or **(805) 897-2542**.